List of Registered Pesticides

2745. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the list of registered pesticides, those banned, restricted, withdrawn and under review is brought out each year alongwith the permissible levels of pesticides in various food products and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any plans to impose limits on animal feeds, water, air and soil for pesticides; and

(c) whether Government will put limits on pesticides in food etc. for each pesticides without mentioning the food item contaminated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Sir, List of registered pesticides, those banned, restricted, withdrawn and under-review is brought out from time to time after review by the Government.

Maximum permissible levels of pesticides in food items are notified under Prevention and Food Adulteration Act, 1954 from time to time. Copies of notifications issued in this regard are available in the Parliament Library.

(b) Limits have been prescribed in respect of certain pesticides in water and air. So far, the Government has not prescribed any limits in respect of animal feed/soil.

(c) Permissible limits of pesticides are notified product-wise under Prevention and Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

Shortage of Table Butter in Maharashtra

2746. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of table butter in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of pure ghee increased during Diwali;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the liberalisation policy of milk products and the severe competition between private sector is one of the reasons for the increase in prices; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to restore normal quantity of table butter and pure ghee at controlled rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Financial aid for providing loan to Farmers

2747. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial aid has been given to some States and Union Territories for providing loans to farmers during 1992-93, 1993-94 and so far in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof State and Union Territory-wise separately during each year;

(c) whether Government also propose to give financial aid to States and Union Territories for providing loans to farmers during 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the details thereof State and Union Territory-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Central Government was providing Short-term loans to State Governments for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately every year till 1993-94 to help them to purchase agricultural inputs, namely, fertilisers, seeds and pesticides, and make them available to farmers in time. A statement indicating the short-term loans sanctioned to different States during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 is enclosed. *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Sanctioning of Short-term loans to States has since been discontinued as no budget provision has been made for the purpose.

Statement

Short Term loans Sanctioned to States during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	State	1992-93	1993-94 (For Kharif Season only)
1	Andhra pradesh	30.10	15.55
2	Karnataka	12.80	6.50
3	Kerala	2.65	0.93
4	Tamil Nadu	18.20	7.61
5	Gujarat	12.70	6.85
6	Madhya Pradesh	20.55	10.77
7	Maharashtra	23.80	18.32
8	Rajasthan	24.60	10.51
9	Haryana	12.60	5.45
10	Punjab	16.25	8.45
11	Uttar Pradesh	42.55	17.60
12	Himachal Pradesh	2.40	1.08
13	Jammu & Kashmir	3.15	—
14	Bihar	31.60	19.10
15	Orissa	11.15	7.85
16	West Bengal	38.00	12.81
17	Assam	4.70	—
18	Tripura	0.80	0.51